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La Puente Pizza Restaurant Ex-Employee Found Guilty of Murder of Supervisor

A 32-year-old man who fatally stabbed his supervisor at a pizza delivery restaurant has been convicted of murder, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

A jury deliberated for two hours yesterday before finding Rafael Sanchez (dob 6/20/87) of Baldwin Park guilty of one count of first-degree murder in case KA117570.

Deputy District Attorney Eric Neff said the jury also found true an allegation that Sanchez used a knife in the killing.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 26 years to life in state prison at a sentencing scheduled on Jan. 15 in Department P of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

According to evidence presented in court, victim Daniel Anthony Sanchez, 21, was killed on March 10, 2018, after telling the defendant to do his work. Sanchez, who is not related to the victim, snuck up behind the supervisor and stabbed him in the neck and back, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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